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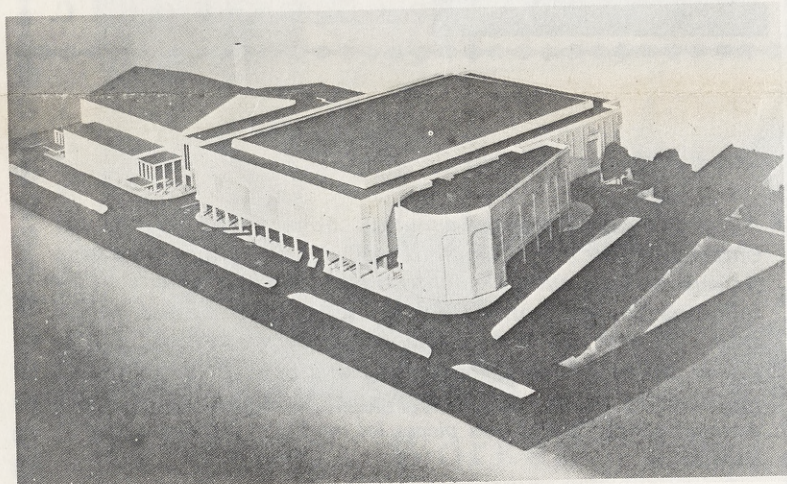
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"The law of truth was in his mouth and iniquity was not found in his mouth." Mal. 2:6. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32.

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NEW SITE FOR CONVOCATION WEEK-END

All delegates and members of the Church of God in Christ need not fear or dread the crowd during the National Convocation week-end. The Administration has secured for the convenience of one of the largest Convention within the Black Community, the ultra modern and spacious, newly built Cook Convention Center. For the past twenty years the National Headquarters has been to small to seat the week-end delegation to the National Convocation in Memphis, Tennessee. While seven or eight thousand tightly squeeze themselves into Mason Temple, another seven thousand or more had to find services at some nearby mid-night musical, or get in whatever service that was being held on the lawn outside the Headquarters. However, the delegates to the coming National Convocation of the Church of God in Christ have something to celebrate about. No longer will Saturday and Sunday be under those crowded conditions, instead the services will be held in the spacious Cook Convention Center which seats several thousand more than the Mid-south Coliseum. Will this be large enough, many members doubt it. Years ago the founder, Bishop Charles Harrison Mason, prophesied that if he did God's will there would never be room enough to seat the people, so far this has been true.

The Church of God in Christ is the second largest pentecostal group in the United States. At first, Mason Temple was large enough to seat this massive delegation. However, since it's founding in 1906, the Church has grown rapidly and is prominent in size when compared to most other predominately Negro denominations, therefore, Mason Temple was soon not large enough. In 1969 the Convocation was moved to the Mid-South Coliseum for Official Day, it soon became to small. The 14,000 arena was filled to it's capacity before the choir marched in. It is hoped that this new Convention Center will do for a-while, but if the Church continues to grow at it's present rate, it will soon be to small. The Whole Truth salutes the Administration and it's far-sightedness.

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GOD'S BLESSING PLAN

Greetings Saints:

The Saints of God and the Church of God in Christ, are facing it's greatest opportunity to witness for Christ to a most sinful, corrupt generation. I hope we will not allow our old status-quo position to cause us to make the same blunder the Priest and Levite made; "Pass by on the other side".

We have come a long ways by establishing the Charles Harrison Mason Theological Seminary, in Atlanta, Georgia and thirty-three Bible Colleges in various states. It is praiseworthy to know that we have liquidated debts that hung over our heads for more than twenty years. I thank God that we are able to pay the teachers of Saints College promptly and that the General Board, Board of Bishops and Supervsors in a Joint Session in Kansas City adopted a resolution to be presented to the General Assembly, authorizing the Creation of a Memphis Campus of Saints College.

In spite of having these accomplishments and more to our credit, I am grieved to see millions of the World's population perishing physically and spiritually, while we live in luxury and indulge in selfish substitutionary methods of financing God's "Business".

The Church is God's Business designed to provide total salvation to man. God through His holy word not only tells us how to conduct the operation of his business, but also how to finance it. But we with our Clubs, Societies, Musicals, Box Suppers, Fish fries, Ice Cream suppers, Tea parties, Coffee sips and Chicken dinners, are trying to prove to God that we are more astute in business than he. If we continue these unscriptural methods, our Church will become; WEAK as the tea, COLD as the ice cream and DEAD as the chicken.

As your God chosen leader, and God has only ONE leader for the Church of God in Christ I must

warn you of the danger we are facing. "Ye are cursed with a curse because ye have robbed me" "In tithes and offerings. Tithes is God's "BLESSING PLAN". It is God's way for the rich and poor to give alike, 10%.

We are over due for an extension fund to help deserving pastors. I help many of them personally and am not boasting or complaining. We are in dire need of an Administration-dormitory building for our Theological Seminary, Saints College needs an Urban campus in Memphis, we must provide blanket economical insurance coverage for our ministers and missionaries, We must invest more than pennies in foreign missions. There is also a need for some of our United States, such as Montana and Wyoming being evangelized through the Mission department. Our Downtown Headquarters (Chisca Plaza Hotel) need to be remodeled to conform to our needs to reach the World through the power of pentecost. The Church should be in the financial position to send the Whole Truth paper free of charge, to every credential holder.

We holders of high offices must not provoke the Wrath of God on us, pretending that the National Church is responsible for our shortcoming, When we know that the National Church only receive the crumbs of the finance raised in our jurisdictions. For every million dollars raised the National Church receives approximately one hundred thousand.

I am challenging you to follow
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EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW OF WHOLE TRUTH PAPER WITH DEREK WILLIAMS

by
Miss Ramona Howard

Some people who are suddenly thrust into the limelight find it difficult to adjust to and accept the necessary vicissitudes which tend to accompany such a change. Derek King 20 year old son of Rev. A. D. King, and one of 12 grandchildren of Rev. M. L. King, Sr. cannot be included in that number. In an exclusive interview for the WHOLE TRUTH, Derek King, very cooperative and patient, proved to be a rather unusual and refreshing young man. He was appropriately candid and spoke freely about certain areas of his childhood, his ministry and his account of the tragic occurrence of June 30th.

Derek summed up his childhood by saying, "I know for 20 years old I have been through a lot of things a whole lot of people will never go through. I'm thankful I've gone through them but then again, I wish I hadn't." He says that people generally feel he is crazy when he says this, but nobody (especially a child-writer's addition) could enjoy having his home bombed in one city and almost set on fire in another; living in the midst of Bull Connor's reign and seeing the abominable events of racial injustice and the ramifications of

a peaceful struggle for racial equality. To be thankful for such experiences certainly reflects a mature Christian attitude. Derek admitted that he might have been spoiled, conceited and arrogant had things been different, but he felt that his experiences not only saved him from such a
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EX-SLAVE FINDS NEW LIFE IN CHRIST AT AGE 132

BARTOW, FLA. Charlie Smith is a 132 year-old ex-slave who, as a younger man met Jesse James and Billy the Kid. But more important, he says, is that a year ago he met Jesus Christ.

Last January, Charlie was admitted to the hospital after he became weak, had difficulty walking, and wouldn't eat. A local pastor became concerned about Charlie's spiritual condition, and decided to pay him a visit.

Later hearing many of Charlie's Wild West Adventures, the pastor discovered that Charlie did not know Jesus.

"Would you mind if we were to tell you about Him—how you could know Him and go to Heaven some day?" the Rev. Ruble Enlow asked.

"No, I wouldn't mind because I do want to go to Heaven." Charlie responded.

Moments later, Charlie was praying to invite Jesus to come into his heart and life. Now, back in his own small house, Charlie knows that God has prepared for him a home in Heaven, not because he met Billy the Kid, but because he met Jesus, the Son of God.

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WHAT MAKES CHURCHES GROW?

by
C. Peter Wagner

C. Peter Wagner explores the seven common denominators he has found almost without exception in growing evangelical churches.

What makes conservative, evangelical churches grow?

There are almost as many answers to that question as there are burgeoning churches. Many conservative pastors directly involved in exciting church growth see some of the trees clearly, but they tend to miss the forest.

W. A. Criswell, for example, credits expository preaching as the major factor in his church's growth to 18,000 members. But Robert Schuller, whose church has now passed 6,500, rarely preaches expository messages but is extremely effective in communicating "possibility thinking" through topical preaching.

James Kennedy singles out house-to-house visitation as the most effective means for growth in Florida, but Stephen Olford tried it in New York City to no avail. When a pastor there, he depended more on penetrating the high-rises through television.

No one approach always works.

Richard Halverson finds that developing small koinonia groups is his best approach, and Ray Stedman attributes growth to "body life." Wendell Belew, however, once told me of two churches that "died of koinonia!"

Then Jack Hyles argues that building his Sunday school through 130 bus routes helps his church to grow, but Ray Ortlund's church sold its last Sunday school bus three years ago and has been growing faster ever since.

With so many different approaches it is no wonder that as I speak and write on this subject concerned pastors and laymen still come and ask me a fairly standard question: "Our church has not been growing,

but we want it to. What can we do to make it grow?"

In most cases the asking of the question is the crucial part of the answer; in other words, the indispensable condition for a growing church is that it must want to grow.

Don't pass this over lightly even though it sounds simple. Thousands of churches are not growing because they don't really want to grow! Growth can be a threat to insecure Christian leaders who feel they already have all they can handle. Some Christians admit that they prefer small churches and therefore would feel uncomfortable if their church started getting bigger. Some say they want to grow but are unwilling to pay the price, exactly like an overweight person who is always going to start to exercise and go on a diet but never seems to get around to it.

In my opinion, such a person doesn't really want to lose weight in spite of all his talk. The same applies to many pious-talking evangelical churches. They don't really want to grow.

Beyond this first basic prerequisite, however, the situation (as we have already seen) is complex. But although the pattern is complex, it is not chaotic. My purpose in this article is to bring some order into the picture by suggesting seven common denominators of growth. As I have studied American church growth, I have found that almost without exception, in some way or other, the churches which are growing well are scoring above average on each one of the seven points.

Pastor heads the list.

1. The Pastor. I would personally rather believe differently, but I cannot escape the mounting evidence that the pastor heads the list of factors common to growing churches in America. Show me a rapidly-growing church, and I will show you a dynamic leader whom God is using to make it happen.

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ANSWERS
TO YOUR QUESTIONS

by
Bishop J. O. Patterson
Presiding Bishop C. O. G. I. C.

Dear Bishop,

A few days ago, I attended a musical at one of the largest Baptist Churches of our city. Recently I invited some of the choirs from the surrounding Baptist Churches to my church for a musical. The following Sunday morning my pastor preached me out on the pulpit. He took his text on me and made me feel very bad for having anything to do or even going to a Baptist church. I can't see anything wrong with fellowshiping with people from other denominations. Would you please let me know if it was wrong to do this.

Martha Washington—Mississippi

Dear Sister Washington:

I dare not tell your Shepherd how to pastor his church. However, "Come out from among them and be ye separated" must not be considered as a mere physical separation. The late C. H. Mason preached the gospel to congregations of other denominations, and at one time shared the basement of his church with a Baptist congregation, whose church had burned. The Bible says "Preach the gospel to every creature". Sometimes singers can attract people the preacher never would otherwise have an opportunity to preach to.

Dear Sir,

I am a young college student, I am frequently asked by my college peers about my church. They want to know what is our church doing in the fields of education and preparation. I haven't had a chance as yet to attend the Memphis Convocation where I would find out some of these things. Could you tell me exactly what our church is doing in the field of scholarships and education.

Thank You,
Sister Bell — New York

Dear Sister Bell:

The Church of God in Christ operates Saints College at Lexington, Mississippi and is considering opening a Urban campus of Saints College in Memphis, Tennessee in 1975. The Church also operates the Charles Harrison Mason Theological Seminary (accredited) at Atlanta, Georgia and also thirty-three Bible Colleges in various States. The Church gives \$25,000.00 annually for scholarships to the Seminary and the Charles Harrison Mason Foundation, of which one of Bishop Mason's daughters Mrs. Julia Atkins, gives numerous scholarships to deserving young people. Just last week the Foundation gave a \$1,500.00 scholarship to a deserving young man in pursuit of a Doctor of Philosophy Degree. The Foundation could do much more if we would share more of God's money for such worthy causes.

Dear Bishop,

I just attended the International Youth Congress, while there I heard a rumor that some of the conventions were going to be cut out. It was said, that some of the Bishops were feeling that there are too many conventions. Would you please sir, give me your opinion about the number of conventions we have a year.

Brother Lee Scott

Dear Brother Scott:

I cannot say that some of the National Conventions will be "cut out" We do have eight National Meetings, which equals about one meeting each forty-five days. I do, however think that we should take a second look at the economics of these meetings. I did a little brief, estimated, calculation of the plane fare, hotel reservations, and food expenditures for X number of people attending eight Conventions, which amounted to approximately nine million dollars. Don't you think nine million dollars could be better invested?

SAINTS COLLEGE RECEIVES PROVISIONAL ACCREDITATION



Once again the "biggest little school in the world" receives provisional accreditation for another year. Upon careful scrutiny of the Mississippi Association of Colleges and Universities, the Mississippi Accrediting Commission gave Saints College the accreditation status another year. Following is a letter to that affect.

Dr. Arenia C. Mallory, President
Saints Junior College
Lexington, Mississippi 39095

Dear Dr. Mallory:

Upon careful review of the recommendations of the Council on Study and Accreditation of the Mississippi Association of Colleges and Universities, the Mississippi Accrediting Commission is pleased to inform you that provisional accreditation status has been given to your institution for another year. Saints Junior College will be identified on the approved list of colleges and universities which is circulated by the Commission annually.

The Commission wishes to call to your attention the necessity of your institution obtaining candidate status with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools by December, 1975. We also call your attention to the necessity for you to communicate with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, 795 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30308, to make sure you understand the timetable along with the necessary information to be considered for candidate status.

Saints Junior College is a functioning Institution dedicated to Christian education and community service. The school is supported by the Churches of God in Christ.

The Board of Education believes that each person should be accepted into the educational program as he is, that he should be provided with a stimulating environment and opportunities for learning experiences designed to promote behavioral development that will effect continuing satisfactory adjustments to life.

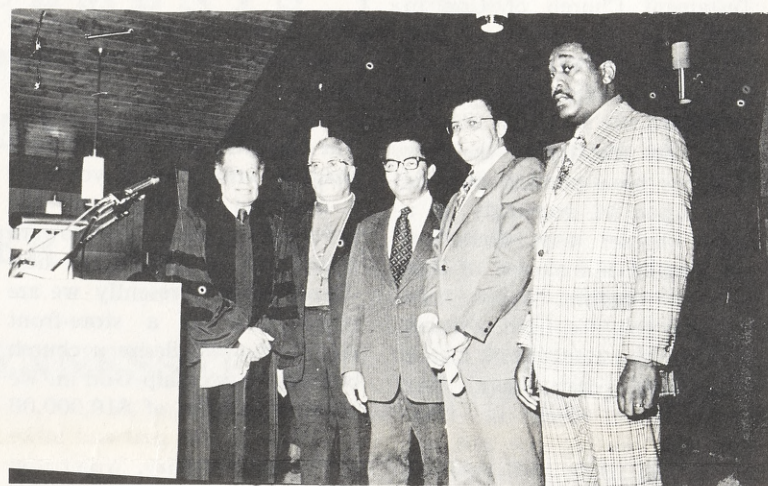
In the practical application of this philosophy, opportunities shall be provided each person within the limits of his capacity.

1. To obtain an education, considering his personal interests, abilities and needs.
2. To learn citizenship and democracy, emphasizing interest and participation in world and community problems.

3. To develop emotionally, morally and socially so that he is increasingly able to cope with life's problems.
4. To develop a healthy body.

5. To develop cultural and aesthetic appreciation.
6. To build a life by the principles of the Christian faith as a sure foundation for all learning and living.

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BISHOP L.H. FORD SPEAKS IN DETROIT

The Northwest Church of God in Christ of Michigan closes, "Annual Spring Conference" with capacity crowd, outstanding celebrities representing both religious and civic world.

Bishop L.H. Ford (of General Board Church of God in Christ International), Councilman Nicholas Hood (President Pro-Tenn Common Council of city of Detroit), recently elected, Mayor Coleman Young, represented by Dr. Claud R.

Young, presented plague from city of Detroit, honoring Bishop G.D. Moore for outstanding service in community. Carl Collins, Jurisdiction Real Estate Coordinator.

Keynote message by the honorable, Bishop L.H. Ford highlighted the conference, which encouraged all workers of 4th Jurisdiction to continue the Good Fight of Faith.

David Milton, Reporter
Elder G.D. Moore, Presiding

Religious Workers Guile Present "Man Of The Year Award"

The Rev. and Mrs. Louie M. Driver Jr. of Saints Home COGIC celebrated their 2nd Pastorial Anniversary Feb. 12-17. The event was sponsored by the chairman of the Deacon Board, George Morris, church Mother, Myrtle Driver and the congregation.

Many outstanding ministers and their congregations participated. Rev. Louie M. Driver Jr. is doing an outstanding job as pastor of Saints Home COGIC and as Superintendent of District No. 4, Many souls have joined the church under his leadership.

A wonderful service was held on

February 15, when Rev. Louie M. Driver Jr. was presented a citation of "Special commendation, Man of the Year for 1974 California South West Jurisdiction by the Dr. C.C. Owens of Chicago, Ill. President of the Religious Workers Guild.

Rev. Driver Jr. received many congratulatory messages and telegrams from friends and members including special messages from Los Angeles Mayor's office. Los Angeles councilman's office of California. State Assemblyman's office. The Saints Home COGIC is located at 1460 E. 20th St. Los Angeles, Calif.

C.H. MASON SEMINARY GETS PUBLIC RELATION DIRECTOR

Atlanta, Ga --Oswald P. Bronson, Ph.D., President of the Interdenominational Theological Center announced the appointment of the Reverend Charles Jackson Sargent as the Director of Development of the ITC. He will be the first Director of Development for the 16 year old ecumenical complex of six denominational participants, the United Methodist, The Baptist, the African Methodist, the Christian Methodist, the Church of God in Christ, The U.S.A. Presbyterian and The Episcopal Church.

In announcing the appointment, President Bronson issued the following: "Reverend Charles Sargent has been appointed as Director of Development in the Interdenominational Theological Center with primary responsibility for public relation, fund-raising. He brings to this position valuable experiences in human relations, administration and broad contacts in the religious and corporate world. He comes highly recommended by significant pulpiteers,

denominational executives, and educators from across the nation."

President Bronson said, "In Reverend Sargent, the Interdenominational Theological Center has a person who uniquely combines competence with compassion, duty with dedication, and institutional concerns with emphasis on a person-oriented ministry. The future is brighter with Reverend Sargent serving in this key capacity."

The Reverend Charles Sargent is a native of Hampton, Virginia. He began his education at George P. Phenix High School, Hampton, Virginia, then to Virginia Union University - Richmond, Virginia, 1949 B.A., History, Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, New Jersey, 1952 B.D. and further study at Drew Theological Seminary and New York Theological Seminary.

Reverend Sargent's work
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WHAT TO DO WHEN LOVE SOURS

By Eleanor Taylor

The honeymoon is over. Years (or maybe only days, weeks or months) have passed when two bitter and disillusioned people find themselves sharing the same house but little else. The reactions may vary—silence, recriminations, fury—but the basic emptiness and consuming aloneness are the same. Why? And more important, What can be done about it?

The "why" is easier to tackle. In the early days of a marriage there is a desire to love and be loved. We concentrate on our mate's finer qualities. They see us at our best and build our egos by telling us so.

But along come conflicts of interest, and the man who thought his fiancée's absent-mindedness was cute during courtship becomes enraged when his wife forgets to sew a button on his one good shirt.

On the other hand, the girl who admired her boyfriend's pride in his appearance is dismayed to discover that he spends an irritatingly long time in the bathroom.

Each has certain needs and expectations to be fulfilled and the other person, being human, is by that very humanness unable to fulfill all these needs and meet these expectations. So increasingly the feeling of being "unloved" or "misunderstood" grows until in the last stages of the sick and dying marriage, this loveless feeling predominates.

Someone has compared this kind of futile loveseeking to a person going around carrying an empty

bucket, asking for it to be filled. "Fill my empty bucket, and I'll fill yours," is the name of the game. And the next stage is "If you don't fill my bucket first, you're not going to get a drop from me to fill yours either."

What happens next? Painful endurance, separation, divorce, or a numb, remote coexistence, or the realization that there must be another way, a better way of living together. There is a better way, and that's where God comes in.

He hasn't been mentioned previously because He hasn't been that important in the floundering marriage so far. Oh, marital problems do happen in churchgoers' homes, even in homes where one or both parties are extremely active in their church. More and more, however, religious affiliations are not necessarily a safeguard against the threat of marital breakup. What part then does God play in marriage, and what does our quarreling twosome need to realize about Him?

It's simply this—God loves us. He loves us more than we can imagine. He loves us constantly, consumingly, overflowing, magnificently. He, after all, is the author of love. John says it simply and to the point, "God is love" (I John 4:8).

Our big mistake is when we fail to realize this direct and mighty source of love and seek to find infinite love from finite source. Our husband may be kind and gentle most of the time, our wife may be pleasant and interested in what we're doing most of the time, but human beings are simply not capable of a complete and perfect love all the time. If you have an empty bucket, hold it out in the right

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THE LORD WANTS US TO BE MORE SPIRITUAL

Holy greetings from New Testament Church of God In Christ, to the saints of God every where. The Lord is doing great things for us; whereof, we're glad.

Ever since the first of the year God has been pouring out His spirit upon us, seemingly, in a most unusual way. Souls are being saved and blessed of God as never before. Many have testified how the Lord revealed to them that there was a higher height and a deeper depth that they must reach in Him. Certainly, we can see and feel the results.

Thank God for our anointed pastor whose fervent plea has been for us to be more spiritual so that when sinners enter our church they may feel the power of God in the sanctuary. So, a few weeks ago God impressed Him to lead the saints through a three day shut-in--fasting, praying, consecrating and meditating to God to give us more spiritual strength. O, how the Lord did bless. Our saints came in large numbers pouring out their souls to God. As a result, many were healed, revived and just before the close of our shut in God poured out His precious Holy Ghost. The spirit of God was so great in our midst until one of our Elderly mother's testified that it seemed as if the sanctuary was filled with smoke.

Please pray for us that God will continue to anoint our pastor and church and that the touch of God's spirit will always dwell among us.

"For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace." Romans 8:6

In Christ Jesus
Elder Nick Edwards, Pastor
New Testament C.O.G.I.C.
4420 St. Aubin Street
Detroit, Michigan
Sis. E. Royal Hullum, Reporter

MOTHER HEALED OF CANCER

Mother Doshia was told by the Doctor in 1972 that she had cancer; she kept going as long as she could although at times she did not feel so good, finally she became unable to be up and about: she became so ill. She had to go in the hospital her condition was very serious, it seem to be in the last stage she was unable to do for her self the nurses had to take care of her she started bleeding her bed had to be changed more often because of the blood that Passed from her, she lost control of bowel action she expected her condition as it was and began to say that she would not live. Elder Cramer and the members fast and prayed; Elder Cramer said sometime it seem their prayers wasn't doing any good but he kept praying he told three of the Saints to go to Mother Doshia house anoint her and Pray for her. As we all know there is a certain odor that accompanies such conditions Mother Doshia was in the hospital as much as two months or more about three weeks ago

CHURCH SEEKS HELP

Dear Saint:

Holy greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The Lord has pressed upon my heart to write you and yours for a donation of what ever the Lord leads you to give toward helping us to purchase a new church home. Presently we are worshipping in a store-front church but we desire a church building to worship God in. We are now in need of \$10,000.00 to complete our goal and make our dream a reality. Won't you help us? We are coming to our brothers and sisters for aid. We know that the Scripture States: *"But whoso hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother have need and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" I John 3:17.*

Our future church home is located on 117th and State in Chicago, Illinois. You may never

be able to visit Chicago but you can have the comforting feeling of knowing that you have helped add another beautiful church building to the grand old Church of God in Christ. As a result of your generous contribution, after we have gone, all our youth can enjoy the fruits of our labor and continue the work of spreading the gospel in the vineyard.

May God ever bless you. Thank you for your contribution in advance. If you are ever in the city, call our Pastor at 375-7545 and come and visit our church. Make all checks and money orders payable to the Pilgrim Church of God in Christ and send it c/o Elder Nathaniel Robinson, 8209 South Avalon, Chicago, Illinois 60619.

Sincerely,

Elder Nathaniel Robinson, Pastor
Bishop H.W. Goldsberry, State Bishop
Mother Daisy Scott, State Supervisor

COMMUNISM FAILING TO CRUSH CHRISTIANITY IN RUSSIA

Religious freedom is still a major issue in the Soviet Union, and growing signs of religious resurgence obviously disturb the Communist leaders.

A survey conducted by atheist researchers found 40% of Russian youth to be sympathetic or neutral toward religion—rather than negative as they are taught in school. A recent trial found a Soviet official guilty of being an organizer of the local Baptist movement. (Baptist refugees who recently arrived in Sweden report that in their area the

reform group far outnumbers the state-recognized group.)

The Kremlin's usual answer to renewal among the Orthodox, Muslims and evangelicals is simply more crack-down. Thus, the recent release of Jewish ballet star Valeri Panov and his wife Galina was preceded by the arrest of Georgi Vins, founder of the dissident "reform Baptist" movement. Vins had already served three years in prison labor camps for his leadership of the reform group, which began in the early 60s when the Kremlin tried to intensify its control over all religious activity.

Whether Vins will ever be released again is doubtful. He had been functioning icognito for fear of rearrest. Rumors are circulating that Soviet officials plan to execute him, and in any case his health is not good. It is also reported that a bounty has been established in order to capture other dissident evangelical leaders.

The Panov affair was a drawn-out drama of harassment. Panov was dropped by the Kirov Ballet company when he applied for permission to emigrate to Israel in March 1970. Last December, Panov was finally granted a visa, but officials refused one for his non-Jewish wife.

Many observers suspect that the Panovs were granted visas as a political move before President Nixon visited Moscow in late June. The Kremlin hoped to strengthen Nixon's hand in his fight against Sen. Henry Jackson's trade ammendment. Jackson, the Soviet Union's greatest adversary in the Senate, is sponsoring an amendment which would deny bank credits and special trade status to the USSR unless they revise their emigration policy concerning the Jews.

WHAT TO DO WHEN LOVE SOURS

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direction—to God Almighty, and let Him pour it full with His love for you.

Now, we have a source of love, direct and unfailing. In return we can give Him praise and thanksgiving, and we can return His love by giving it out to others.

What am I saying, husband and wife? That you should not look to each other to receive love, only to give it? Exactly.

But I can't do that, you say. The other person would step on me, use me, take advantage of me. I have no feelings for this man or woman anymore. Can you expect me to give 100% love and take the chances of getting nothing in return?

Don't Demand Returns

Don't forget that you are already getting 100% love from God. And if you think you can't give without a guaranteed return investment, look at Jesus. Look hard. His last act with His disciples before He went to Gethsemane to face certain death was to kneel and wash these men's dirty feet. "If I then your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you" (John 13: 14, 15).

Jesus wasn't looking for love from His disciples. He knew they didn't always understand Him. One of them would betray Him. Another would deny knowing Him, not once but three times. All would forsake Him. They would scatter and be gone as He hung on the cross in a painful, slow, tormenting death. And yet He loved them and knelt there washing the dust away from those feet that would walk away from Him.

A woman I know, whose marriage had grown cold and bitter, listened to that story of Jesus and decided to give her marriage one more try. "I determined," she told me, "to think of Jesus every time my husband asked me to do anything for him, no matter how little I felt like doing it."

At first it was difficult. He commandeered her around like a drill master and she often inwardly rebelled. Still she kept that picture in her mind of Jesus with a basin of water, patiently cleansing without ill will.

Her husband soon reacted with surprise and then delight. His commands, she discovered, had been his way of demanding "proof" that she loved him; they now were no longer necessary as he could see by her actions that she had his interests at heart. "He began getting up out of his easy chair to bring me coffee, and the other morning he got up early and fixed me breakfast!" she excitedly told me a short time later. To see this couple today, you would never guess they had ever had any problems—and yet how close they were to giving up until one of them in desperation tried Jesus' way.

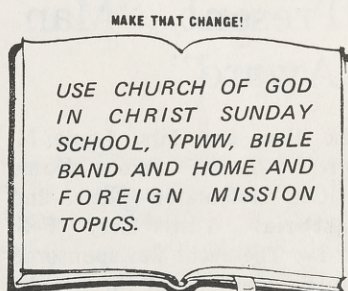
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C.H. MASON SEMINARY GETS PUBLIC RELATION DIRECTOR

experience includes pastorates, First Baptist Church, Madison, New Jersey 1952-1955, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Poughkeepsie, New York, 1955-1959, Union Baptist Church, Stamford, Connecticut 1959-1968, and Special Field Representative - Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board of the American Baptist Churches 1968-1971, and Assistant to the Executive Director, Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board of the American Baptist Churches 1971-1974. He assumed his duties at the ITC July 1, 1974.

Reverend Sargent is married to the former Miss Nancy L. Wood. He has two children, Hope Sargent, 15 and Mark Sargent, 9.

Some of his honors include 1968 Man of The Year, Stamford Connecticut and 1971 Rotarian of The Year, Westbury, New York.



"This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you" (John 15:12). It's not a suggestion. it's not a possibility; it's a command. And again, "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another, as I have loved you, that ye also love one another" (John 13:34). This commandment may seem grievous or difficult to put into practice, but remember, we don't have to do it all on our own strength. As God's love flows through us, we can use His strength and His love. It is ours free for the asking—more abundant than the air around us.

If you, then, are experiencing marital difficulties, ask yourself if you're expecting the impossible from the other person. Look for the source of love to come directly from God, rather than from a person, into your life.

Return God's love by following His command and loving that other person, by actively trying to please him, by showing you care about him. You'll undoubtedly find that your new attitude creates a response. A bonus you can expect is that love will be reflected and returned, but that is not your primary goal.

Jesus summed up that higher goal for us in His two great commandments: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets" (Matt. 22: 37-40).

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DEATH NOTICES & MEMORIALS

ELDER GEORGE D. McKINNEY, SR.

Born Summerville, Tenn., 1894, Died Little Rock, Arkansas, August 5, 1972.

On August 4, 1974, a special memorial service will be held at St. Stephen's Church of God in Christ in San Diego, California honoring the faithful life and ministry of Elder G. D. McKinney, Sr., who went to be with the Lord on August 5, 1972. Mother Rose McKinney and many of her children, grandchildren and saints will honor Dad McKinney's memory. His sons, Elders G. D. McKinney, Jr. and Elder Jesse McKinney are Pastors of St. Stephen's Church of God in Christ in San Diego.

Elder McKinney pastored churches in Arkansas for 52 years. He was the founder of the Church of God in Christ in Jonesboro, Arkansas in 1920, where he pastored for 17 years. Also he pastored the Smith Temple Church of God in Christ in Pine Bluff from 1940 until his death in 1972. He was the State Supt. of Sunday School for N. E. Arkansas for 22 years.

The following reprint from the Congressional Record in Washington, D. C. in 1967 on the occasion of Dad and Mother McKinney's 50th wedding anniversary will be read at the service.

Couple Celebrates 50th Anniversary with 12 Graduated, Extension of Remarks of Hon. David Pryor of Arkansas, In the House of Representatives Monday, October 16, 1967

Mr. Pryor. Mr. Speaker, recently in the city of Pine Bluff, Ark., a very find couple, Rev. and Mrs. George D. McKinney, Sr., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Theirs is a story of great inspiration to all Americans inasmuch as the sacrifices the McKinneys made in order to educate their 12 children through college depict the true character of this fine family.

Mr. Speaker, I am enclosing herewith the article which tells the story of the George D. McKinney family.

From all parts of the country-from as far away as California they began arriving Saturday at a modest home at 1700 Havis Street for a festive occasion.

Reverend and Mrs. George McKinney Sr. were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary there, and about 50 members of their families were honoring them with a reunion.

The celebration was climaxed with a dinner and reception in the Student Union at Arkansas AM & N College.

For McKinney, 73 it was a big moment in a life of struggle, set-back and success. McKinney was born near Summerville, Tennessee, in 1894, the son of a former slave. His father moved the family to Marianna, Arkansas, in 1906, where he worked as a farmer and an engineer in steam-operated cotton gins and rice mills.

McKinney said he remembered his father as a hard-working man who liked to hunt. McKinney has been pastor of the Smith Temple of the Church of God in Christ, 2121 Havis Street, since 1940. He founded a church at Jonesboro in 1920 and was its pastor until 1937.

He was forced, by the Depression, to terminate his formal education after the seventh grade.

"Being the oldest son of eight children, I had to go to work to help support the family," McKinney said during an interview.

He continued to study through a correspondence school and worked as a farmer and shoe repairman.

He married the former Rose Anna Thompson at Rondo (Lee County) in 1917 and was ordained into the ministry in 1924.

The McKinneys had 14 children-seven boys and seven girls. One girl was stillborn and another died at the age of 10.

All 12 of the children have completed college and are working in a variety of professions. Six of them graduated from AM & N.

There are two pastors, two teachers, two secretaries, two lawyers, a businessman, a nurse, a dentist and a college registrar. (Five children hold Doctorate degrees and 2 hold Masters degrees).

Ernest, the youngest son, returned July 7 from a one-and a half year "Peace Corps assignment" at Addis Abbaba, Ethiopia. (He graduated from University of Southern California School of Law.)

McKinney is proud of his family and what it has accomplished.

How did 12 children only two generations removed from slavery, manage to achieve such a record?

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THE SURGEON'S KNIFE

The words of the Lord came to me one night through the Holy Ghost saying "Let us see, let us see, let us see what's in the heart, let us see." And as I sought the Lord for an understanding of what those words meant and who they were for, He gave me several explanations.

First He had me think on some of the patients I've taken care of and how they had been sick, having various symptoms which caused them alarm. Then they went to a physician seeking an explanation and remedy for their problems. Then the doctor would ask them many questions about their symptoms and give a physical exam in search for the cause of their problems. But the Lord let me know that even with all the testing and probing that the physician does, seeking first to identify the cause of your problem, the only way he can really identify the problem is to take a look inside. Otherwise, he's only making educated guesses.

Then the Lord let me know that the only way you can correct a

problem is to find the cause. And only after finding the cause can you correct the problem. I work on a surgical floor in the hospital, and they have many different ways now to look inside the body to try to find the causes of man's malfunctioning. They have instruments to look down into your throat, ears, and eyes. They have instruments to look into your lungs, your stomach, and your intestines. They have ways to inject dyes into your system so they can take pictures of your circulatory and digestive systems, your urinary tract, etc. . . Even with all of man's methods and devices to look inside the body, to insolate and identify it's physical ailments, sometimes some things go unnoticed. But when a master surgeon cuts you open and goes inside, inspecting and examining your organs and tissues with his specially trained natural eyes, he can really get a total view of your problem and correct it. Sometimes some organs or tissues are not functioning properly and need to be cut out. They upset your whole body and for your wellbeing you would be better off without it.

The Holy Spirit is asking, telling pleading with us to look into our hearts with that specially trained spiritual eye;

To look and find the cause of our retarded growth in the Lord. To look and find the cause of why we're not doing what the Lord called us to do.

To find the cause why we can't work in love and unity with all our sisters and brothers. To find the cause why we can obey some of the teachings of the Bible, and/or our church and not all of them.

To find the cause why our outward appearance doesn't reflect Holiness. To find the cause why we seek so many material blessings when we should be seeking the more of Jesus.

To find the cause why I'm not being used like the Saints in New Testament times.

Then after we have found the cause of our malfunction, that is hindering us from being all that we should be in Christ, we should ask the Lord to come with His surgeon's knife and cut out everything that's not like Him. For it says in His Word in I Samuel 16: 7. . . "For the Lord seeth not as man seeth: for man looketh on the outward appearance but the Lord looketh on the heart." And in Psalms 11: 4 it says. . . "The Lord. . . His eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men." Then in Psalms 7: 9-10 it says. . . "For the righteous God tireth the heart and reign. . . God. . . saveth the upright in heart."

The Holy Spirit is saying through the word, Let us see, let us see, let us see what's in our heart, let us see. God can already see! He looks on the heart seeing and trying all that is in the heart. So Saints let us look and see what's in our hearts and if we find any envy, backbitting, jealousy, disobedience, impatience, lying, money, selfishness, partiality, or anything there that's not like Jesus - Let us ask the Master of all master surgeons to perform surgery on us, and cut out the cause of our spiritual problems. For only the pure in Heart shall see God.

Then after surgery God will bless us as He did the Saints in New Testament times. For it says in Acts 2: 46-47; "And they continued DAILY with ONE ACCORD in temple. . . did eat their meat WITH GLADNESS and SINGLENES OF HEART. PRAISING GOD, and having FAVOUR with ALL the people. And the Lord ADDED to the church DAILY such as should be saved."

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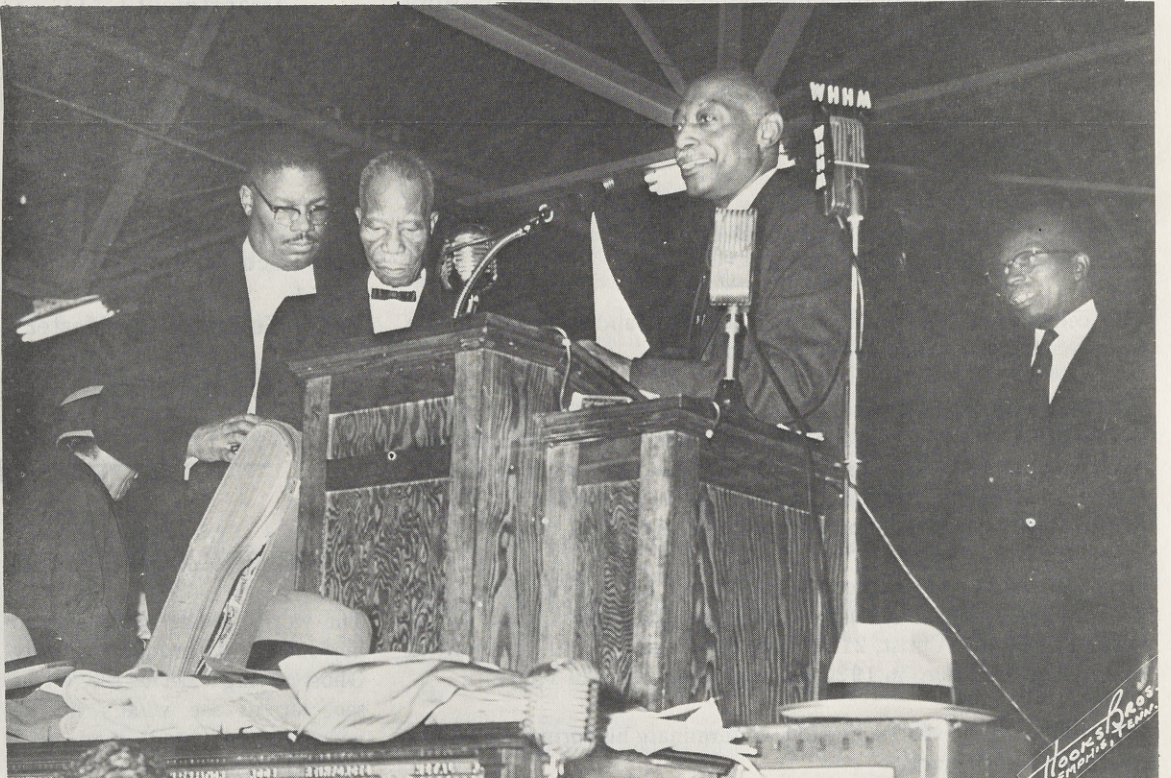
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BISHOPS D. L. WILLIAMS,
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A. B. McEWEN

WHAT MAKES CHURCHES GROW?

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By naming the pastor as a vital factor for church growth, I do not for a moment mean to imply that he is the one who does all the work. In fact, that would really be a contradiction. The only pastors who can possibly do all the work are pastors of small churches. The bigger the church gets, the less a share of the total work the pastor himself can assume.

No, the most important contribution the pastor can make to a growing church is to set the style. The pastor must create the mood for growth. Robert Schuller is thoroughly convinced on scriptural, psychological, sociological and pragmatic grounds that a pastor who is a "possibility thinker" will be able to lead his church into effective church growth. I have heard people snicker at this idea, but I have discovered no growing church in America led by an "impossibility thinker."

A possibility thinker, as I analyze it, really turns out to be a person with what the Bible calls the "gift of faith" (I Cor. 12:9). Obviously, not all members of the body of Christ have the gift of faith. Everybody can't be a Schuller just by deciding to think positively. But if you want your church to grow, ask God to do one of two things: 1) awaken possibility thinking or a greater measure of the gift of faith in the heart of your pastor or 2) provide a pastor who has the gift of faith and uses it.

2. A Well-Mobilized Laity. Every one of the growing churches in America that I know of has developed a system to involve the laity of the church in its total ministry.

The biblical principle behind this has been clearly articulated by Ray Stedman of the Peninsula Bible Church of Palo Alto, Calif., in his book, *Body Life* (Regal). Every believer, says Stedman, possesses one or more spiritual gifts, and a chief responsibility of the pastor and the staff is to help each member of the church discover what his gift is and then give him the opportunities and encouragement to develop and use the gift for the benefit of the body.

Different styles of bringing this about are appropriate for different churches. Some, like Jack Hyles, accomplish it by exerting a strong and authoritative leadership from the top of all departments. His

people respond magnificently. Six hundred Sunday school teachers attend a weekly training class. Hundreds of volunteers man bus routes every Sunday, then follow up with visits in their areas during the week. Between 1,800 and 2,000 are trained soul-winners and actively use their gifts. The deacon board includes 101 men. Little wonder they now are forced to expand the 2,500-seat auditorium into one with 6,000 seats.

But Hyles' parishioners are factory workers, accustomed to taking orders and carrying them out. One could hardly imagine the same kind of leadership mobilizing the laity of a church like the Bel Air Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles where Donn Moomaw takes a much lower-key approach with his congregation of professionals, business executives and theater personalities. But whatever style it uses, a growing church must have a mobilized laity.

My research over the past few years has made me very much disturbed with the term "Total mobilization" as defined in some circles, and I would like to warn against it. Some have been advocating that the way to help a church to grow is to mobilize 100% of the members for active, evangelistic work.

This kind of "total mobilization" is unbiblical, since just as the whole body cannot be an eye (I Cor. 12:17), every member cannot have the gift of evangelist (Eph. 4:11) Every believer is a witness all right, but every one is not an evangelist. When Jesus left the earth, He left about 120 members of the First Church of Jerusalem. Of them, however, He had trained 12, 10%, as those particularly responsible for spreading the Gospel in active evangelistic work.

If all Christians would find and use what gifts they do have, this would release a power for church growth that might well do more to bring this nation to Christ than anything we have seen since the Great Awakening.

3. A Large Enough Church. My own church has 2,800 members. When I mention this, I often get the response, "Oh, that's too big." But then I ask, "Too big for what?" and the answer to that one is hard to come by.

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Dear Editor,

In resuming a practice of regular submission of news reports from this Church and district, we humbly submit the following.

The Pastor and members of this great congregation wish to greet

all within this grand brotherhood and to encourage all that know the Lord for He is yet doing great things for us through our wonderful Pastor (Supt. Clarence Black) the Lord wrought another miracle in our presence when during Sunday School one of our children (The son of Deacon and Sister Collins) came to the Pastor and told him that he had just swallowed a straight pin and that it was sticking in his throat.

Immediately the Pastor began to pray and ask God to take care of this child and remove the pin. God spoke to him giving him what to say and do, the boy received immediate relief after doing what was told him to do. Because no one knew what had happened to the pin or if it was yet inside the child the parents took him to the hospital for x-ray examination. We are proud to report and shout the victory that the Lord certainly heard and answered prayer because the examination and x-rays did not reveal any type of pin or any other object in his throat.

This great miracle along with the daily blessings and healing that we have in our midst make us agree the more with these words "make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. For the Lord is Good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations." (Ps. 100; 1st and 5th vss.)

Additional news from within the district (Sebring district, also under Supt. Black); the family and members as well as his many friends solicit the fervent prayers of all saints for Elder B. F. Mays of Okeechobee Florida. The Pastor of the late Jessie M. Morris (Originally from Columbia and Gulfport Mississippi) of Arcadia Florida wish to inform all her friends of her passing on June 14, 1974. Her presence will be greatly missed because she was a strong defender of the faith and a devoted church worker.

Finally we are yet praising God for the way he continually blessed our Pastor's wife (Sister Ella M. Black).

Yours in Christ,

Clarence Black/Superintendent
Pastor; Antioch Temple, Supt.
Sebring District

Sara Nelson, Reporter
Mary Kearney, Assistant

PASTORS AND MINISTERS WIVES HAVE FORMAL DINNER

FRESNO, CALIF.

Greetings to all of God's children everywhere from the Saints and friends of the California Valley Jurisdiction, Bishop W.S. Wilson, State Bishop and Mrs. A. Woods, State Supervisor.

January 1, 1974, the Fresno District's Pastor's and Minister's Wives welcomed in the New Year with their Annual Pastor's and Minister's Wives Formal Dinner held in the home of the president, Bishop and Mrs. W. L. Broussard. The women looked lovely as they were accompanied by their husbands. Missionary L. Rhodes was chairman of the meeting. We enjoyed various testimonies from the women. District Missionary Jewel Telton presented our State Supervisor, Mother Woods, in which we were honored to have at the dinner, also our Bishop's wife, Mrs. L. Wilson. We enjoyed a lovely dinner in which Bishop Broussard prayed the blessings. After the dinner, gifts were

exchanged among the women. It was a lovely affair hosted by Mrs. Ruth Broussard.

The fourth annual Minister's and Worker's Meeting of the California Valley Jurisdiction convened January 8-12, 1974 at the Fresno Temple Church of God in Christ. Bishop W. S. Wilson, host Pastor. Theme: "GO AND I WILL GO WITH YOU," Matthew 28:19-20.

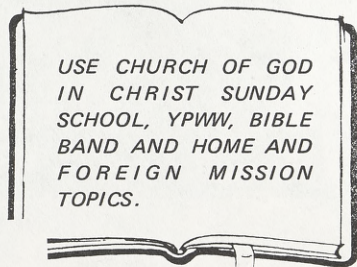
The meeting officially opened with seminar classes. The topic of the classes was "ORGANIZATIONALISM." The message for the evening was delivered by Bishop L. H. Ford, Second Assistant Presiding Bishop of the Churches of God in Christ, who brought a dynamic message from Isaiah 54:2, "Prepare for the Increase." Chairman N. Duffy delivered the evening message from Isaiah 53:1 "Do You Know Him."

Women's Activity Day, our State Supervisor, Mother Woods spoke on the theme "THE GLORY OF THE LATTER HOUSE." The message of the evening was delivered by Superintendent O. F. Folsom from Genesis 1:1 and John 1:1, "God Is The Master."

Official day; The State Choir and various choirs, under the leadership of our State Minister of Music, Brother James Rhodes, sung beautifully. Some of the songs were "HE ABIDES," "USE ME LORD IN YOUR BUILDING," "MY MIND IS MADE UP AND MY HEART IS FIXED," "HOW I GOT OVER," and "ONE MORE DAY." Bishop Wilson brought his official message from the theme of the meeting "GO," Matthew 28:19-20. The evening message was delivered by Bishop S. R. Martin, State Bishop of California North West Jurisdiction, who was accompanied by his lovely wife, and his choir. He preached a glorious message from Ecclesiastes 3, "The Gift of Time."

Truly we enjoyed a glorious spirit-filled worker's meeting. Desiring the prayers of the saints everywhere to continue to pray for the California Valley Jurisdiction.

Miss Shirley Rhodes, Reporter.



MEMORIAL

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"There is one secret", McKinney said "They desired within themselves to get an education and improve themselves."

He said education as a means of advancement was always stressed, and the children took advantage of the opportunities they had.

He said he and his wife financed the education of the eldest child Izora, and he in turn helped the next child to complete his education. Each child would complete his education and when he achieved a sound financial position, help the next and so on until they had all graduated.

Improvements in his own neighborhood came to mind as McKinney talked about changes he had observed over the years.

He said paved streets- "We've come out of the dust"-and better quality homes were what he would like to see more in Pine Bluff. He said he had also been impressed with the growth at AM & N and the job it had done. McKinney said he likes to care for his lawn. That's part of his philosophy "Just keep active."

Greetings to the Saints of God everywhere from the Church of God in Christ No. 4, Elder W.F. Faust, pastor and Superintendent of the Jacksonville District.

The Lord is blessing our church, under the leadership of our pastor Elder W.F. Faust and lovely wife, Sister Celestine Faust. We thank God for the sweet fellowship that exist among the members of our church, each one works to carry on the work for the up building of God's kingdom. Prayer is being conducted every night; last week it was conducted by Missionary Ella Watson; many were blessed and backsliders reclaimed. The Lord is stirring the people everywhere.

1st Sunday Elder Faust spoke from Romans 6:12, 13 "Let not sin reign in your mortal body". Elder Phillip Bright brought the evening message from Isa. 1:3, "Do you know your leader". Both messages were well received.

2nd Sunday was Youth Day, the pastor brought the morning message from Ecc. 12: 1-6,, "Remember God". Elder Timothy Seymour preached the evening message from St. Matt. 26, "Lord is it I". Both sermons were inspiring to make you, if you are not up to the word, come up higher in the Lord.

Elder Faust brought the Holy Communion message from St. John 13 "Jesus" an example that we should do unto each other as he did for us. Missionary Pauline Bright brought words of exhortations from St. John 10, "Entering in as a thief and robber". These beautiful messages were food to our souls.

4th Sunday Elder Faust spoke from Joel 2:30. Missionaries spoke in the evening service were; Sister Marie Boston, "Get right and stay right" St. John 6; and Sister Pearl Cole, spoke from 1st Thess. This month has been a great blessing to us.

The Y.P.W.W. sponsored their Annual program under the leadership of Elder Edward Spiller, one of the young ladies of the Y.P.W.W., Sister Sharon Jenkins brought a beautiful message. The Lord is really blessing our young people.

Pray for our success in Christ.

Elder W.F. Faust, Pastor
Sis. Nettie Durham, Reporter

GOD'S BLESSING PLAN

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me in God's way of financing His Church, TITHES. Every Bishop, Pastor, State Supervisor and National Officers who head Conventions, who subscribe to God tithing plan, will be blessed of God in a bountifully way. Pastors, your members will be encouraged to tithe your church when they see you tithing the National Church. Try it and see if there will not be a great increase in your local church. Pastors, don't take the people's tithes for your exclusive personal use, use them like God says "That there may be meat in mine house". If you take care of God's House he will take care of your house.

I have set up a temporary tithing system. Your checks should be made payable to CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, TITHING FUND and mailed to our National Headquarters 930 Mason Street - Memphis, Tennessee 38126 or directly to my address 1774 South Parkway East - Memphis, Tennessee 38114.

Mrs. Elsie Mason, whom I have appointed tithing secretary, will send you a receipt in duplicate. Be sure you keep both copies of your receipt, one for your personal use the other copy will be recognized by the National Church toward any assessments it may levy on you. An accurate record of your account will be kept and you are entitled to an annual statement.

Please Note: No part of the tithes will be dispensed until we meet (TITHERS) in November during our Convocation, and decide how we are going to use them. I believe this is right. Those who don't believe in tithes and don't pay them, shouldn't dictate their use.

I will not expect any superior officer to retaliate against a pastor who choose to obey God, and I don't believe the General Church will tolerate such behaviour.

Yours for Heaven's Open Windows,

J.O. Patterson, Presiding Bishop
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Watch this list grow, Many of God's children are striving diligently to please Him. Won't you be one?

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH DEREK WILLIAMS

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self-centered existence but provided him with an ability to better "read between the lines" and to see things for what they are. Yet he humbly asserts, "It's hard; you have to be some kind of person to look certain things in the face straight on."

One thing Derek has recently had to look "in the face straight on" was an event which shocked and appalled all of Atlanta and indeed the world: the senseless

slaying of his "favorite lady", his grandmother, Mrs. Alberta King. It was bad enough to have heard and read accounts of what happened, but to see it all from start to finish must have been even worse. Derek saw everything and with some difficulty, but a willing spirit, gave the following account:

"It was a typical Sunday morning worship service. I was in the pulpit. Chenault was sitting next to Big Mama, who was playing the Hammond organ, and Ms. Mitchell was on his right side. After we finished the Lord's Prayer I turned momentarily to look away and then heard a loud noise. I thought the organ had popped. Then I turned my head and looked completely in; I could just see her partially from the angle I was looking. I could see smoke coming from the organ and that's when I heard another shot. That's when I looked over there and saw him. He had two revolvers in his hand and he was discharging like a kid in a frenzy with two toy guns. He shot Big Mama twice and then shot Ms. Mitchell. Then he started out the door once, he had one hand on the doorknob and the other pointblank in the man's...that's when he shot Deacon Boykin-on the way out. Then he came back in; he turned back and hopped up in the choirstand that's what I can't figure out- I don't know if he had emptied the gun and was trying to go back in to reload them or was just out of it. Some kind of way he came back into the sanctuary and went up in the choirstand. That's when I heard the guns clicking and that's when I came out from under the communion table. And that's when I went after him and I caught him. He had run back out of the choirstand through a door that led to a long hall and he got caught in about the middle of it. Had he chosen the other door he would have been out into the parking lot and I don't know what would have happened then."

Marcus Chenault is now a source of many questions and much controversy. Many think he is crazy and others that he is a part of a conspiracy. Derek expressed uncertainty and puzzlement on these subjects along with a willingness to wait on the findings of the doctors and experts. He mentioned that although most of his friends now want Chenault killed, he doesn't care what they do with him.

"I don't want them to kill him", he continued, "but if they let him go, he's gone. But if he has to be locked up, I'd like for him to be confined by himself so that he never sees another human face. That's just the price for taking another life; he's still alive, but yet he's dead." Then in his characteristically mature realism he said, "But it's just a harsh reality that when death comes it ain't nothing you can do about it."

Derek is already "some kind of person". A rather handsome young man, much like the late Dr. M. L. King, Jr., in appearance, Derek seems well on his way toward distinguishing himself by being himself. Throughout the interview he exhibited several characteristically Christian paradoxes: he appeared simultaneously strong and weak; certain and uncertain; humble and proud; child-like and mature; gentle and tough; in this world, but not of it. On July 7, 1974, Derek launched the beginning of a new phase of his life when he preached his trail sermon at Ebenezer Baptist Church. Significantly but not surprisingly he chose as his text, "The Greatest of These Is Love." However, Derek states "love is the most important thing in the world to me; that if one doesn't have love, he doesn't have anything."

stirring message. "Touching the Untouchable." Luke 5:12-13.

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